

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **SB 2966 - HB 2863**

March 23, 1998

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** (1) Prohibits any local telephone carrier from providing local telephone service that includes access to a 1-900 calling feature to a Tennessee consumer without written consent. (2) Terminates all existing 1-900-telephone service effective January 1, 1999, without written authorization from the Tennessee consumer to continue access. (3) Requires any 1-900 service provider of a dating, escort or adult-oriented entertainment service where charges exceed \$50 per month to obtain written authorization and verification that the Tennessee subscriber is 18 years of age or older. (4) Prohibits any local telephone provider from terminating any telephone service for failure to pay for 1-900 service billing when no written authorization and/or verification has been obtained. (5) Provides that no Tennessee consumer shall be liable for 1-900 service fees in excess of \$50 for any calendar month, rendered through the consumer's telephone or billed to the consumer's telephone account, unless the consumer has first provided written authorization to the 1-900 service provider agreeing to be liable.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

#### **Increase State Expenditures - Not Significant**

Estimate assumes a not significant increase in state expenditures to enforce provisions of the bill.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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